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OF THE ARMY, UNDER THE COMMAND OF HIS EXCEL-
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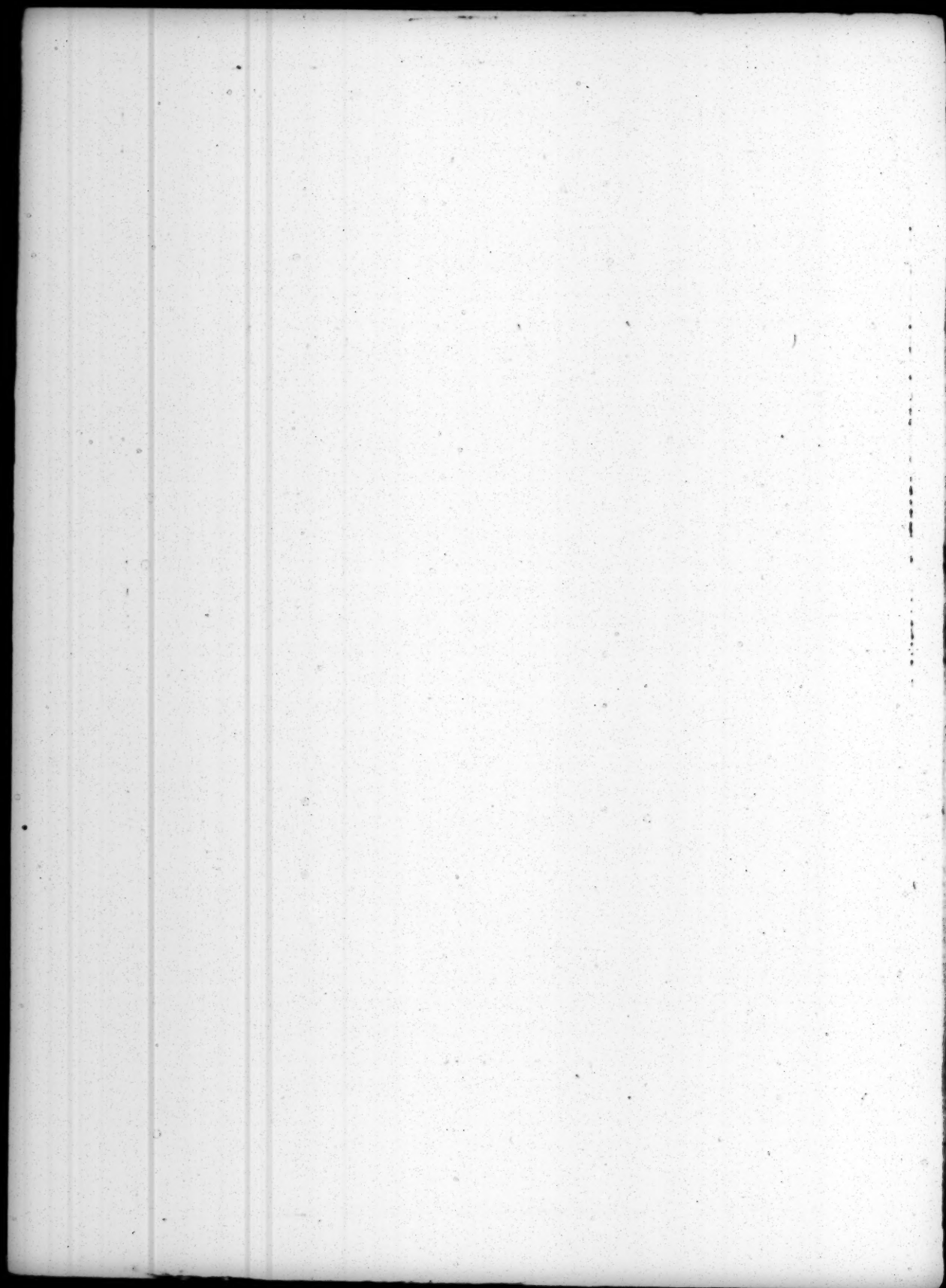
TO

THE SOULDYERS, AND OTHERS, VVEL-AFFECTED
in North-VVales.



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TO
OUR HONoured FRIENDS. OUR FELLOW
Souldiers and others of the wel-affected in North-
VVales.

Honourable and noble friends and fellow Souldiers;

IT being a time of contest (for the iust liberties of this Kingdome, and dominions annexed) with those uniuſt persons by whom they have beene endeavoured to be subverted: wee conceiving you lying under many of the same pressures as wee do, and so have iust cause of complaint; and if so; as little hopes of being heard as wee have had(whose iust Petitions have beene obstructed, and wee declared against as enemies to the State, and our fellow Subiects have had theirs burned) all which shewes how they and wee have beene slighted in our most humble adresses; which to us seems to be the highest infringement of our undoubted priviledges, that ever was by any acted, professing to maintain them: And if our most cleare and fundamentall priviledges shall be thus denyed us, what may wee (or can wee) expect? And whether all our lessor rights may not, and be not (at the present) by the arbitrary actings of these men, totally cut off, we leave to you to iudge? Especially considering the time when this was done, even immediatly after the deare redemption of those precious priviledges, out of the hands of our former enemies, with the expence of so much blood and treasure: and that in this very iuncture of time, when wee were expecting to see and reape the fruit of all our weary travels; they by this should in effect tell us, and the Kingdome with us, wee should never reape any of them; but that wee who had fought to set our selves and a Kingdome free, should now in the issues be more compleatly slaves then ever; not having so much as liberty to Petition in case of grievances: And thus were wee dealt with even while an Army, having power in our hands, and they oc-

casian to make further use of us: Therefore you need not wonder though you heare of such actings amongst, which at first view may seeme strange; yet assure your selves that we are but acted by the same principles which we were at the first, by which we then endeavoured to keep our selves and the Kingdome from being ruind by the exorbitant actings of Prerogative power; and shall still oppose the like power in any acting to the like end. (And this is all we aime at) and are acting towards at this day; that the unjust oppressions lying upon the Subjects of this Kingdome, and other parts adioyned, might be removed, and that the iust rights of all Estates, and persons therein might be restored, settled, and maintained.) And this we desire and endeavour for every individuall person thereof, which as soon as we have attained (according to the ends for which we were at first raised) we shall withall readinesse and willingnesse lay down Armes, or make use of them elsewhere, as the Parliament shall thinke fit; but not till then, can we, in order to our owne and the Kingdomes safety.

And thus have we thought fit to communicate our condition to you (deare friends) that so you might rightly informe your selves and others, to the end that you might still have (as formerly (to you honour) you have had) a share in pleading, regaining, and maintaining the iust freedoms of your Nation, at such a time, when they are so much in question; and (truly) then to come in to assist and defend them, when others are endeavouring to suppress them; It is that which will set a badge of honour to such a people to posterity. That you should have your part in redeeming the Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales from oppression and slavery, and your children yet unborne, shall blesse God for you: Which if not consider what a blot of infamy will lye on you and us to after ages. If we shall sit still in such a time as this, when it shall be said (by them lying under oppression.) Our predecessors

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cessors had a prize in their hands, and an opportunity offered to have freed us from it, and have made us happy; but woe to us (through their neglects) they have let it slip, and have left us in misery.

Friends, our earnest desire is, that you would seriously weigh and consider things in the ballance of judgement, according to truth; and to that end, to take heed of all false representations of our persons or actions, by the suggestions of any given in to you, and iudge not according to appearance, but iudge righteous judgement, and then, doubt not but you shall have the assistance of a righteous God, who hath promised to doe more for you then all the unrighteous men in the world are able to doe against you; and also the concurrent assistance of all iust and rationall men. And we trust the appearances of God will be such to us, as we shall see those Characters of himselfe ingraven upon and amongst us, even judgement, truth and righteousness, and the contrary to these (in his own time removed) which both by you and us we hope shall be ioyntly endeavoured: In the doing of which the Lord direct us, in whom we bid you heartily farewell.

Yours to use, acting in behalfe
of the Army, for the good of
the Kingdome.

Reading, July

12. 1647.

Robert Kerby.
Henry Canon.
Hen. Flowers.
Francis Allen,

Captains.

William Neale.
Francis Wheeler.
Richard Deane.
Abraham Wolmes.

John

John Merriman.

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John Clarke.

Lieutenants.

Edmund Chillington.

Edward Scotter.

Stephen Shipden.
George Stenson.
John Taylor.
Phil. Eyton.
William Joanes.
Joseph Adams.
Robert Mason.
Robert Colbrand.
Ralph Prentice.
Herbert Field.
Will. Simmons.
Joseph Wallington.
Will. Young.
Tho. Kendall.
Tobias Box.
John Dober.
Daniel Hinksman.
Nath. Foxgil.

William Allen.
Edward Sexby.
John Barnes.
Tho. Buttery.
Nich. Lockier.
Henry Adderton.
John Cook.
Tho. Pond.
Edward Twigg.
Will. Wilkinson.
Edward Vaughan.
Robert Stalmund.
Rich. Salter.
John Willoughby.
Barth. Willock.
Rich. Clarke.
Edmund Garne.

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